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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1-18. (Canceled)

19. (Previously Presented) A composition suitable for pharmaceutical, cosmetic or dermatological usage, said composition comprising:

an amount of at least one agent sufficient to elicit an irritant side-effect to a user when utilized in a composition that does not include a TNF-alpha antagonist, and wherein said irritant agent is an active agent in said composition;

an amount of at least one TNF-alpha antagonist sufficient to eliminate or alleviate said irritant side-effect; and

a cosmetically, dermatologically or pharmaceutically acceptable medium therefor wherein the agent which provides the irritant side-effect is selected from the group consisting of alpha-keto acids, beta-keto acids, retinoids, anthralins, anthranoids, peroxides, minoxidil, lithium salts, antimetabolites, vitamin D and depigmentation agents.

20. (Previously Presented) A composition suitable for pharmaceutical, cosmetic or dermatological usage, said composition comprising:

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an amount of at least one agent sufficient to elicit an irritant side-effect to a user when utilized in a composition that does not include an interleukin-1 antagonist or a TNF-alpha antagonist, and wherein said irritant agent is an active agent in said composition; an amount of at least one interleukin-1 antagonist and at least one TNF-alpha antagonist, sufficient to eliminate or alleviate said irritant side-effect; and a cosmetically, dermatologically or pharmaceutically acceptable medium therefor.

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21-22. (Canceled)

23. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 19, further comprising at least one histamine antagonist.

24. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 23, wherein the histamine antagonist is a heterocycle or a nitrogen compound having at least one benzene ring.

25. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 19, wherein the amount of the compound ranges from about 0.000001 to 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

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26. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 19, wherein the amount of the compound ranges from about 0.0001 to 0.1% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

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27. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 19, wherein the cosmetic, pharmaceutically, or dermatologically acceptable medium comprises an aqueous, oil or aqueous alcoholic solution, a water-in-oil emulsion, an oil-in-water emulsion, a microemulsion, an aqueous gel, an anhydrous gel, a serum, or a dispersion of vesicles, microcapsules or microparticles.

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28. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 19, further comprising at least one active agent selected from the group consisting of anti-bacterial, antiparasitic, antifungal, anti-inflammatory, antipruriginous, anesthetic, antiviral, keratolytic, free-radical scavenging, antiseborrheic, antidandruff and anti-acne agents and/or agents which modulate the differentiation and/or the proliferation and/or the pigmentation of skin.

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29. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 28, wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of lidocaine hydrochloride, antiparasitic agents and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents.

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~~30.~~ (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim ²⁰, wherein the agent which produces an irritant side-effect is selected from the group consisting of alpha-hydroxy acids, beta-hydroxy acids, alpha-keto acids, beta-keto acids, retinoids, anthralins, anthranoids, peroxides, minoxidil, lithium salts, antimetabolites, vitamin D and depigmentation agents.

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~~31.~~ (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim ²⁰, further comprising at least one histamine antagonist.

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~~32.~~ (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim ³¹, wherein the histamine antagonist is a heterocycle or a nitrogen compound having at least one benzene ring.

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~~33.~~ (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim ²⁰, wherein the amount of the compound ranges from about 0.000001 to 5% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

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~~34.~~ (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim ²⁰, wherein the amount of the compound ranges from about 0.0001 to 0.1% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

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35. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 20, wherein the
cosmetically, pharmaceutically, or dermatologically acceptable medium comprises an
aqueous, oil or aqueous alcoholic solution, a water-in-oil emulsion, an oil-in-water
emulsion, a microemulsion, an aqueous gel, an anhydrous gel, a serum, or a dispersion of
vesicles, microcapsules or microparticles.

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36. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 20, further comprising at
least one active agent selected from the group consisting of anti-bacterial, antiparasitic,
antifungal, anti-inflammatory, antipruriginous, anesthetic, antiviral, keratolytic, free-
radical scavenging, antiseborrheic, antidandruff and anti-acne agents and/or agents which
modulate the differentiation and/or the proliferation and/or the pigmentation of skin.

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37. (Previously Presented) The composition of Claim 36, wherein the active
agent is selected from the group consisting of lidocaine hydrochloride, antiparasitic agents
and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents.